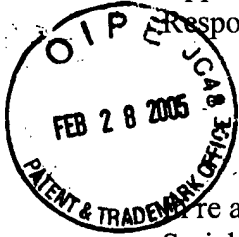


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Date: FEBRUARY 7, 2005

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 11, 2005, for which the one-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on February 11, 2005. While it is believed that no additional extension of time or any other additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any needed extension of time and to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4882.

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper. Entry of the amendments below and consideration of the remarks that follow is respectfully requested.